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Senator McManus Appointed to Recycling Task Force

Group Will Make Recommendations to Legislature in September

(LANSING) – State Senator Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau, today announced her appointment to the Michigan Beverage Container and Recycling Task Force. The task force will review Michigan's bottle deposit law and issue recommendations on proposed changes to the Legislature in September.

“This is an important appointment for me because I have always felt that Michigan needs to make changes to its recycling program,” McManus said. “It is imperative that this task force directly addresses the need for recycling reform in order to preserve the beautiful environment and scenery that Michigan possesses.”

Michigan has not reviewed or updated the bottle deposit law since 1976, and is considered to have one of the worst recycling programs in the nation. The task force will conduct hearings to determine if the voter-initiated law needs to be improved, expanded or addressed with new recycling programs.

The task force will hold approximately six to eight hearings across the state beginning in February, with a schedule of hearings to be announced in the coming weeks.